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The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of this application. It is believed that the Examiner will concur with Applicant's belief that the foregoing references do not adversely affect the patentability of the subject matter presently claimed, taken alone or in combination.

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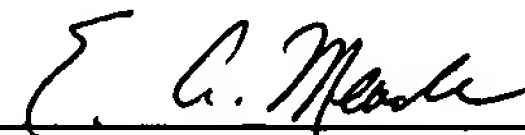
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